(iv) TAX-FREE MUNICIPAL BONDS

As an incentive for development of municipal bond market in India the Central Government gave fiscal concessions to the investors for investing in municipal bonds.

In the fiscal year 2001-2002 the Central Government allowed issue of tax-free municipal bounds upto Rs. 200 crores.

In the fiscal year 2002-2003, provisions has been kept for issue of Tax-Free Municipal Bonds upto Rs. 500 crores. All State Government have been requested to sent the proposal for tax-free Municipal Bonds.

(v) PROPERTY TAX REFORMS

Though Property Tax (PT) is the most important tax source of revenue particularly for the municipal bodies of non-octroi States, Guidelines have been issued by the Ministry in 1998 for property tax reforms to all State Government with the objective of simplification and rationalizations of property tax. These measures are in the process of implementation by a number of States like Bihar. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

(b) No. Sir

(c) and (d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (b)

Rules relating to advertisements on Doordarshan

†*109. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules are not being followed in regard to showing of advertisements on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to ensure that the rules are implemented fully;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when these are likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that all advertisements telecast on Doordarshan are in accordance with the Doordarshan Code for Commercial Advertising.

(b) to (d) do not arise.

Use of disposable syrings

†*110. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Miniser of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make use of disposable syringes mandatory on the advice of world Health Organization ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHA SINHA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal as yet to make use of disposable syringes mandatory for all injections. However, on the advice of World Health Organisation and UNICEF, a pilot project has been launched under the Universal Immunization Programme for the introduction of Hepatits B vaccine in 15 cities and 32 districts, under which all inectable vaccines will be given with auto-disable syringes.

Utilisation of disinvestment proceeds

*111. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the process of disinvestment has yielded good results;

(b) the amount of money realized by way of disinvestment during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the details of projects and schemes on which the realized money is proposed to be spent;

(d) whether any amount is earmarked for small-scale or rural industries or other employment-generating works; and

(e) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?